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MISS RUTH E. MOSBY, Dean of Women, Instructor of English

Sincerely in Dedication

As a gesture of gratitude and sincerity, we inscribe by way of dedication the leaves of this 1954-55 ACORN to one who has given faithfully, without reserve, her time and talent in pruning and preening for success and satisfaction four volumes of the ACORN.

In five years she has served in sponsorship capacity for twenty clubs and organizations and has raised several thousands of dollars for furnishings and redecoration of Cunningham Hall to make it attractive for the young ladies who reside there. To her work is a fascination. As dean of women, she enjoys living, loving, and working with and for her treasured ladies of Cunningham.

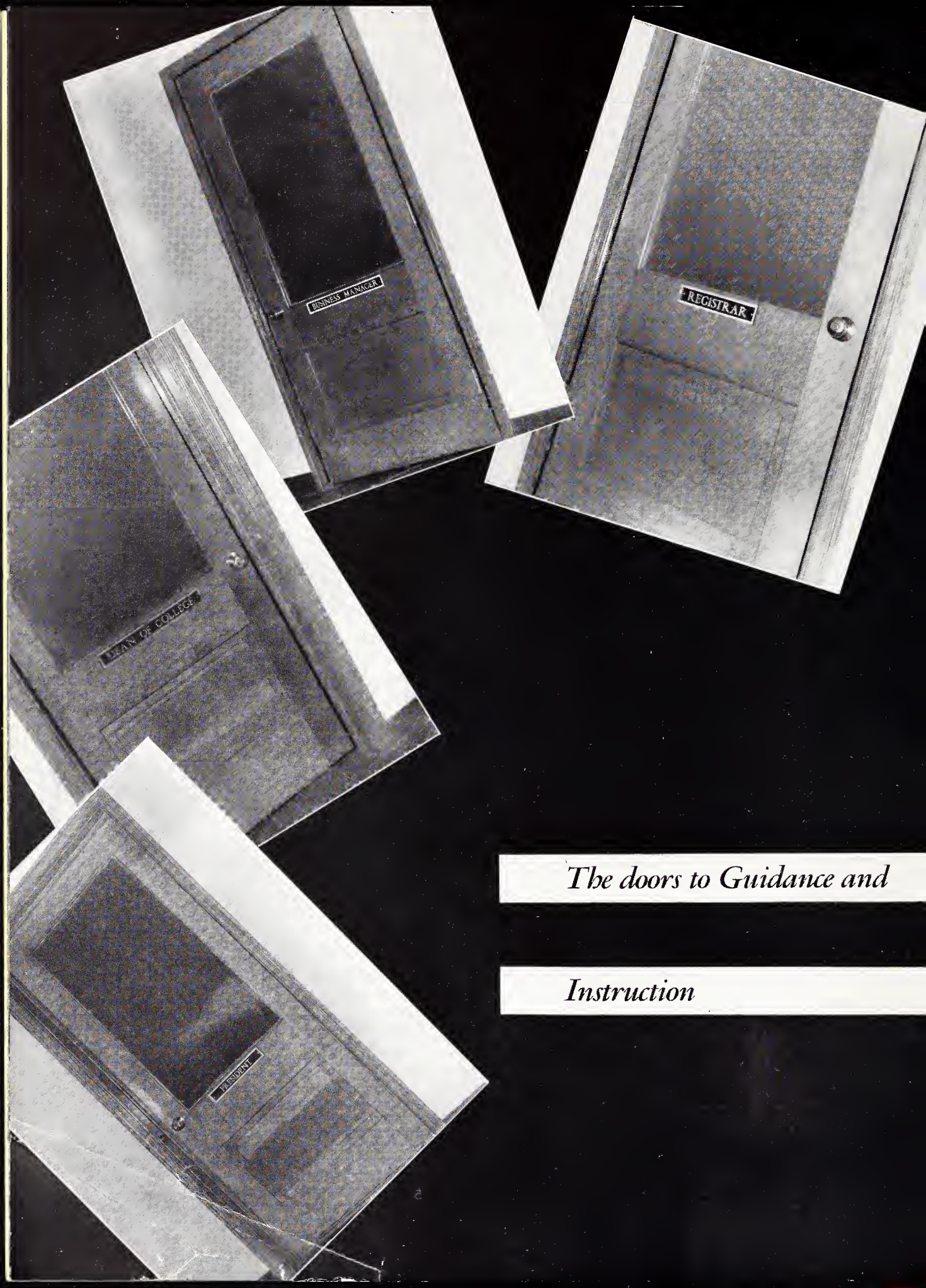
Her sober Christian influence, her judicious counsel, her marked leadership ability, and her ever-present sedateness have established her in the hearts of all.

In the room of study, she is an educator.
In the life of the dorm, she is mother.
In the course of the campus, she is a guide for good.
In the sponsorship of organizations, she is a leader for success.

Our earnest desire to reveal to her our deeply felt love and admiration unfolds itself in the form of this annual. It is with a profound, suitable pride that we dedicate this ACORN of '54-'55 to our Miss Ruth E. Mosby, Dean of Women.

Welcome to
OAKWOOD

Here Loveliness Keeps House



The doors to Guidance and Instruction

Our President's Message

Writing is a most fascinating study and hobby. Whether a vigorous scrawl or a feeble inscription, bold signatures or simple notes, delightful stories or learned treatises, writing — in a thousand varieties — is often unique, usually significant, never without some meaning. Aimless expressions, carelessly worded and illegibly put to paper, may be contrasted with strong, precise words that solidly hit the mark.

Oakwood's happy bird sanctuary and lovely garden campus could properly be called an author's retreat; for, with differing degrees of coherences and beauty, we have all had some part in writing. The students and the staff have just completed Chapter Fifty-nine of the Oakwood College history. With a part of the year's story now spread before us in the ACORN, happy is the student who, looking back, can read that record proudly and with true satisfaction.

These provocative and disturbing lines were read at a recent chapel exercise:

"The Moving Finger writes — and having writ,
Moves on: nor all your piety and wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line;
Nor all your Tears wash out a word of it."

How wonderful that these words are more poetry than truth! Tears of real repentance combined with the grace of Christ will transform the ugliest pages into scrolls of beauty and perfection. To effect such transformations is the essence of Christian education and the highest goal of Oakwood College.

ELDER G. L. MEYER

Scholarship Counts

O. B. EDWARDS, *Dean of the College*

ROBERTA C. EDWARDS, *Registrar*

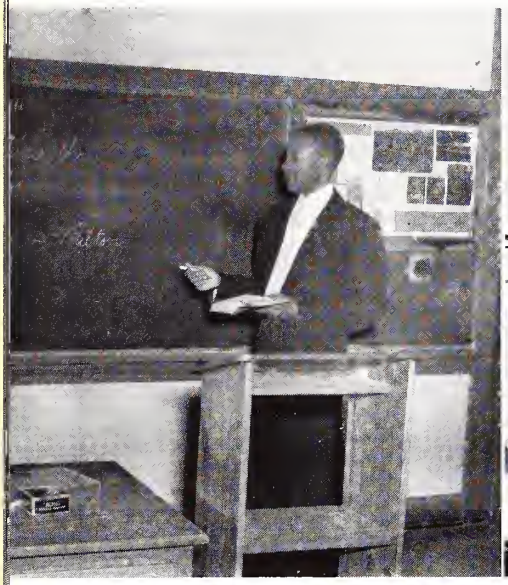
A. WARREN
Business Manager and Treasurer

J. MERIDETH
Accountant

WILMA MINISEE
Secretary to Business Manager

KATIE WALKER
Assistant to Accountant

Along With Business and Finance



M. W. MARTIN
Instructor in English

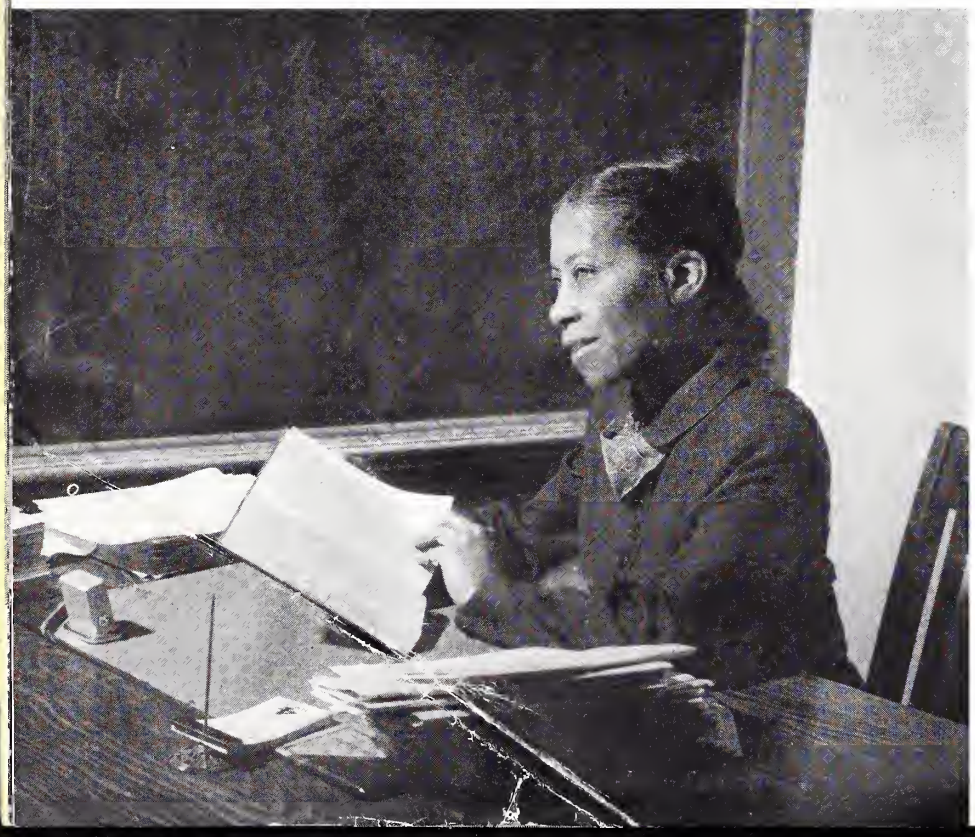
RUTH E. MOSBY
Instructor in English

HENRIETTA L. EMMANUEL
Instructor in English

The English department in its endeavor to teach correctness and effectiveness of communication, and development of appreciation for the best in literature and poetry sets forth this slogan for student attainment:

> "To live abundantly is to speak with affluence and distinction, to write with clarity and perfection, to read with understanding and appreciation, to listen with interest and discrimination, to serve with love and complete abnegation."

Thus the student is able to correlate the use of perfect English with perfect living, and the beautiful prose and poetry with beauty of character.



English

EVA B. DYKES,
Professor of English,
Chairman of division of
Humanities.

Education

VIOLIN PLUMMER
Professor of Secondary Education

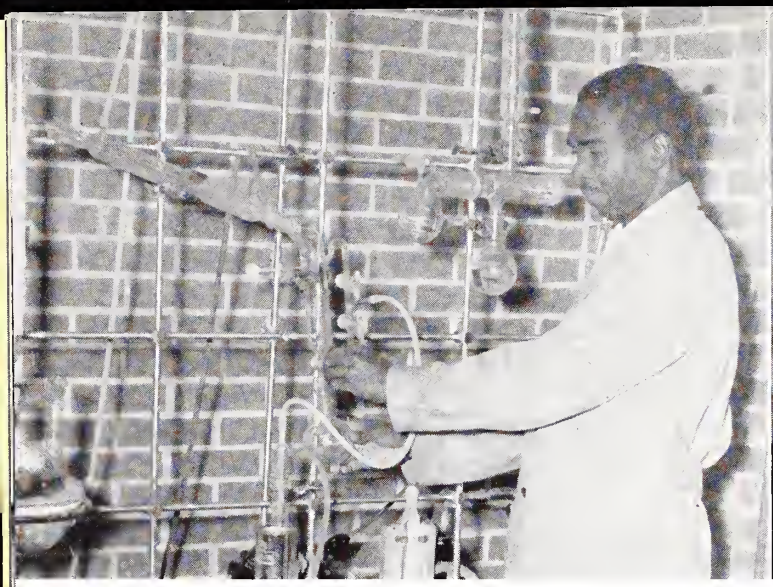
L. B. COX
Assistant Professor of Education

NATELKKA E. BURRELL
Professor of Education
Head of Department

"The stability of thy time shall be wisdom and knowledge." Serving this the department of Education assumes technical task of teaching teachers to teach, to be molders of thought, character, and destiny of children and youth. It is their's to impart true wisdom, teach the best use of all native abilities and acquirements which will cover the whole circle of obligation to themselves, to the world, and to God.

KATRINA NESBITT
Critic teacher
Elementary Education

VIOLET WILES
Critic teacher
Elementary Education



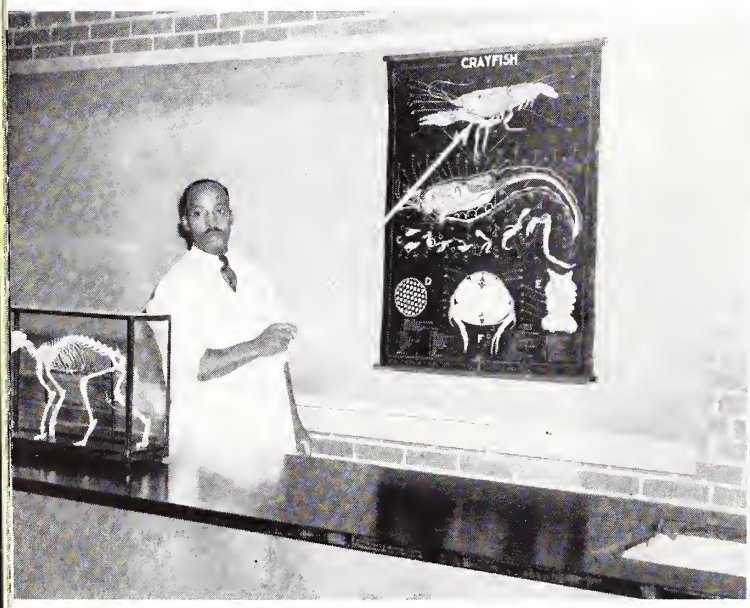
E. A. COOPER
Assistant Professor of Chemistry

R. L. REYNOLDS
Assistant Professor of Biology & Agriculture

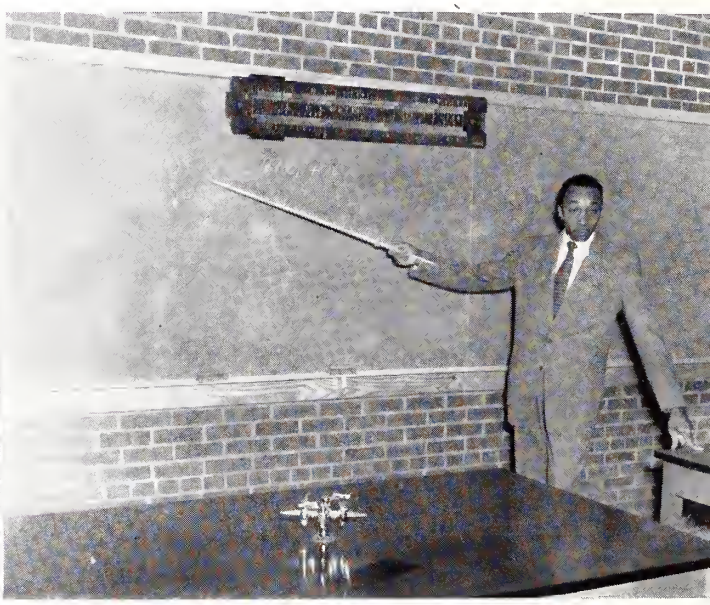
Science

"Science is ever discovering new wonders, but she brings from her research nothing that, rightly understood, conflicts with divine revelation"—E. G. White

HERBERT ALEXANDER
Instructor of Biology



C. B. GENTRY
Professor of Mathematics



History and Languages

O. B. EDWARDS
Professor of History

M. J. HARVEY
Instructor of History

SAM PIERRE-LOUIS
Instructor of Romance Languages

In the annals of human history is pictured the growth of nations, the rise and fall of empires which seem to be dependent on the will and caprice, ambition and powers of man; but the department of History endeavors to draw the curtain of truth so that the student may see that above and behind the play and counterplay of human interests, powers and passions, the hand of the Omnipotent silently and patiently work out the counsels of His own will.

THOMASINE L. LONGWARE
Assistant Professor of Home Economics

Home Economics

"While every person needs some knowledge of different handicrafts, it is indespensable that he become proficient in at least one"; thus the Home Economics Department undertakes to impart skill in cooking, sewing and homemaking.

Nursing Education

RUTH N. STAFFORD, R.N.
Assistant Professor of Nursing Education; Director of College Health Service

INEZ BOOTH
Instructor of Organ

Music

The Music department creates and develops within the student a love for the good, the true, and the beautiful in music. Through voice culture and development of skill on the instruments the aesthetic values of music are accented, so that the student may see that music in its purest forms puts the terrestial sphere in tune with the celestial.

J. MAE PIERRE-LOUIS
Instructor of Voice

SAMUEL C. JACKSON
Professor of Music

ARTHELIA ALEXANDER

Secretarial Science and Business Administration

In this age of passion for money getting by shrewd business deals, when competition is keen and methods are unscrupulous, the Business department strives not only to teach efficiency and skill in business machines and principles but also to emphasize the idea that integrity, diligence, temperance, purity and thrift constitute a better capital than any amount of money.

CHARLES E. GALLEY, *Professor of Business Administration*

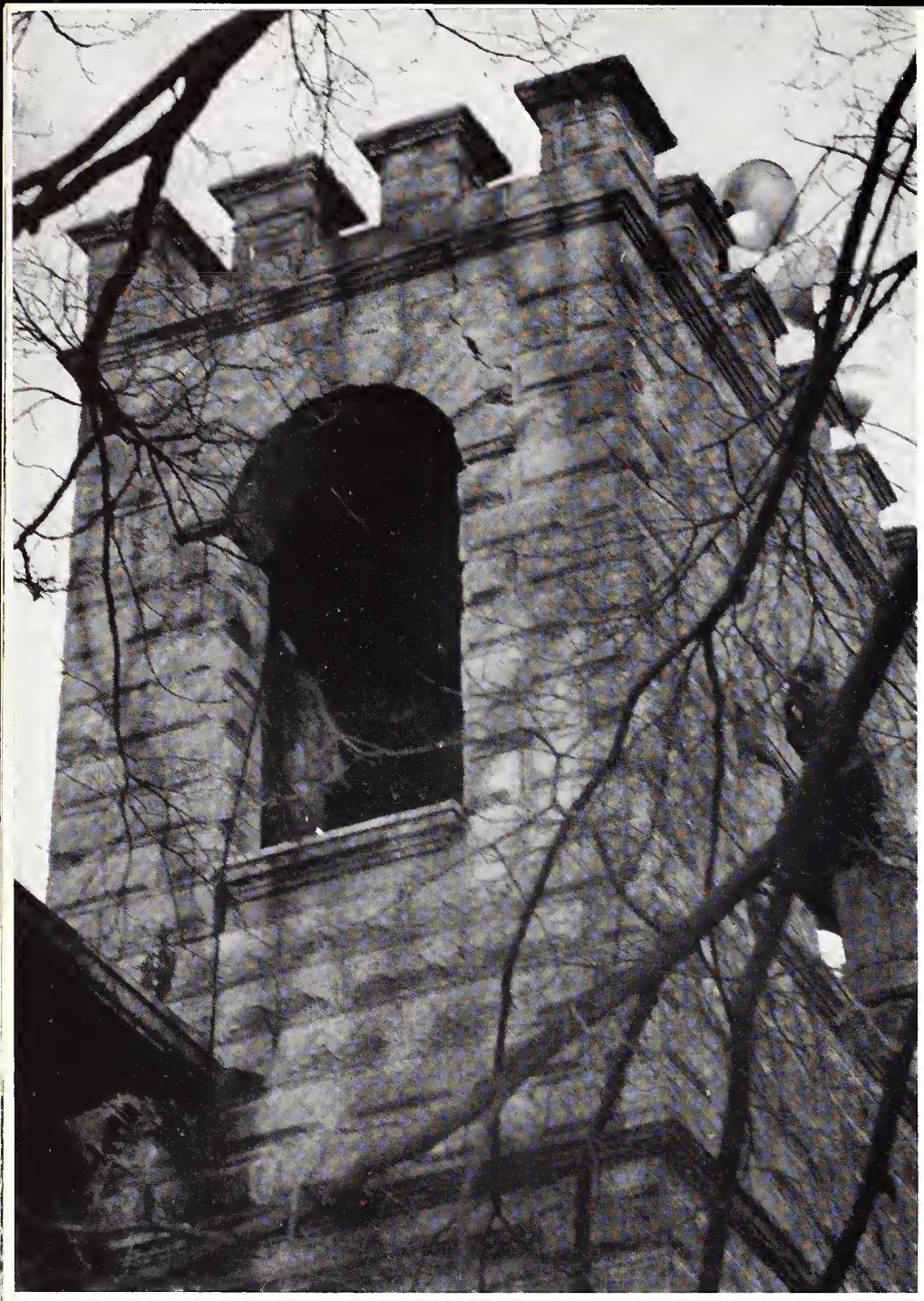
Religion

R. L. WOODFORK
Instructor in Bible

C. T. RICHARDS
Professor of Religion

E. E. ROGERS
Assistant Professor of Biblical Languages

The Bible Department, which stands as the core of the institution, imparting truth and inspiration from the living word, providing soul culture and spiritual fortification, trains the aspiring preacher to preach and the prospective Bible Instructor to teach the gospel of life everlasting.



"It is only when men begin to worship that they begin to grow."—Calvin Coolidge

Worship is the incense that permeates the atmosphere at Oakwood College. Nestled in a quietude that's very conducive for reverencing the Almighty in the "beauty of holiness," O.C. auspicates and fosters sincere communion with God in the residences, halls, school, and church. Yes, each is encouraged to let his life's daily theme ascend as a sweet savour to God's throne on high.

The Door to Devotion

We Gather Together . . to Worship in Our Chapel

EVANGELEERS
CALVIN ROBINSON, *President*
J. J. BEALE, *Sponsor*

DR. W. H. BEAVEN
Guest speaker for American Temperance Society

MASTER GUIDES
ERNEST RUDLEY, *Instructor*

Religious Activity Organizations

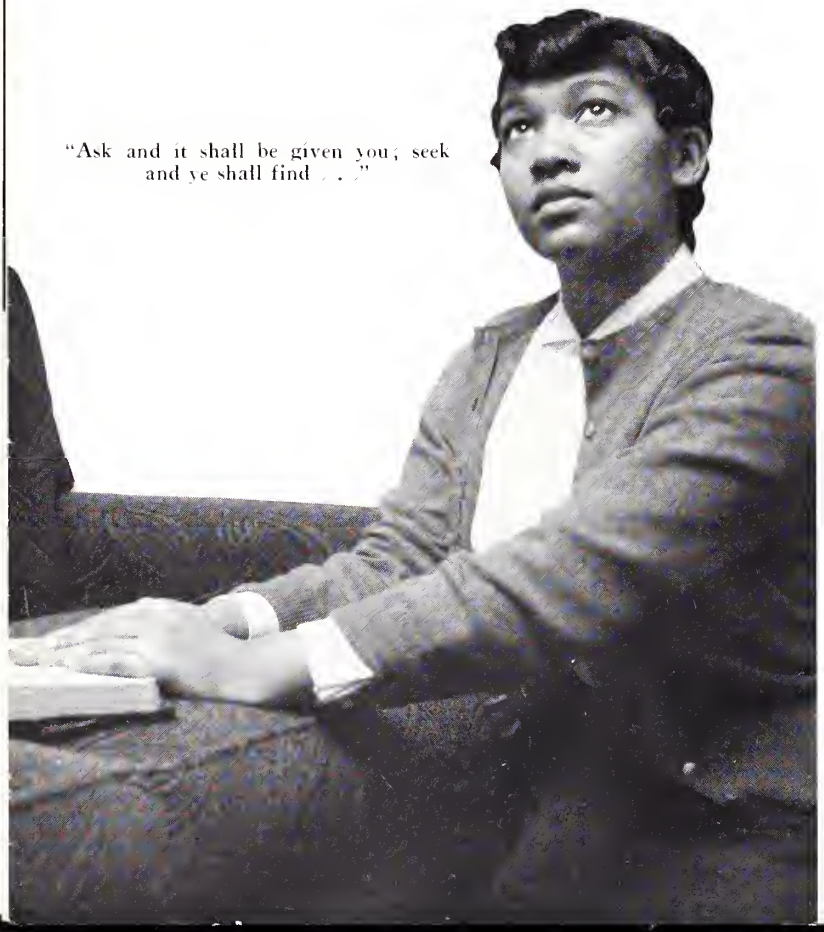
DINNER CONFERENCE
Executive Council of American Temperance Society

Seated from left to right:

BERT REID—*Council member*
MISS T. LONGWARE—*Sponsor*
JOE AVERY—*Council member*
MR. H. ALEXANDER—*Co-sponsor*
MERVYN WARREN—*President*
DR. W. H. BEAVEN—*Temperance Secretary of the General Conference*
PHYLISS BRYAN—*Secretary*
RUBY SMITH—*Council member*
ERNEST RUDLEY—*Council member*
GRANT HOLLOWAY—*Treasurer*
EDYTHE SUMPTER—*Council member*

Religious Emphasis Week

Elder T. M. Rowe, pastor Hartford Avenue Church, Detroit, conducts Spring Week of Prayer.



"Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find . . ."

"Prayer is breath of the soul," and twice each year the Religious Emphasis Week creates an atmosphere for deep spiritual breathing. Through the morning and evening services and mid-day prayer bands, the spirit of God rekindles within each heart and the desire for confession, repentance, and consecreation. Through fervent prayer earth is drawn up to heaven, and heaven bends low to hear and answer.

To Ask . . .

A Prayer Band Breathes a Prayer.

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. Wherefore let thy voice rise like a fountain . . . night and day."

—Tennyson

THE HOSPITAL BAND
Left to right: Mr. H. Wright, A. Reid, Miss T. Wade, Irene Lee, Julia McElhaney, Jewelene Duckworth, Gloria Castleberry

The Hospital Band bring moments of cheer and consolation to patients with song and prayer.

Missionary Activities

THE JAIL BAND
Left to right: A. Reid, K. Stewart, E. Cook, J. Patterson, Miss T. Wade, Mr. A. Warren, L. Thomas

They visit the jail weekly and distribute tracts and pray and sing for the inmates.

Messengers of Mercy on a Sabbath afternoon taking their tracts to the shut-ins.

ALFRED JONES, *President*

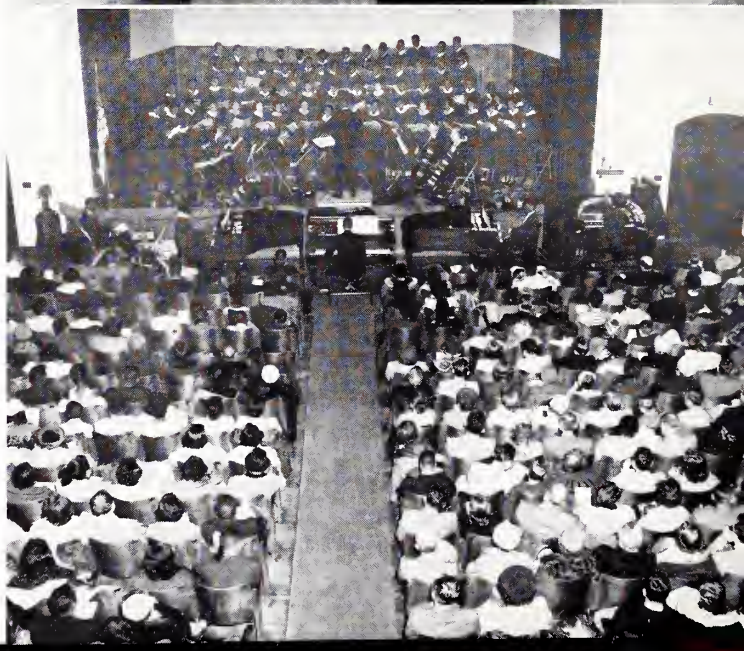
The Literature Ministry Guild

Colporteurs go out to take the "Message"

The crowd pours in to hear the Messiah

ORATORIO SOLOISTS

First Row: Ruby Smith, contralto; Pearl Harvey, soprano. Second Row: Hannah Clarke, lyric soprano. Third Row: William Scales, baritone; Elbert Shepperd, tenor; James Edgecombe, bass.



TOP: The choir files into place in candle light procession. BOTTOM: The choir sings to an appreciative audience under the direction of Professor Samuel C. Jackson.

The Messiah

ANNUAL SACRED RECITAL OF THE COLLEGE CHOIR

SAMUEL C. JACKSON, *director of college choir*

"O Sing unto the Lord a new song"

String Ensemble of Redstone Arsenal accompanies the choir.

"God has placed no limit to intellect."—Bacon

Higher! Higher! Higher! This is our paramount goal for mental attainment. From the recesses of O.C.'s halls of learning are many "Pierian Springs" from which the students may drink deep. We learn that "Higher that the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for His children."

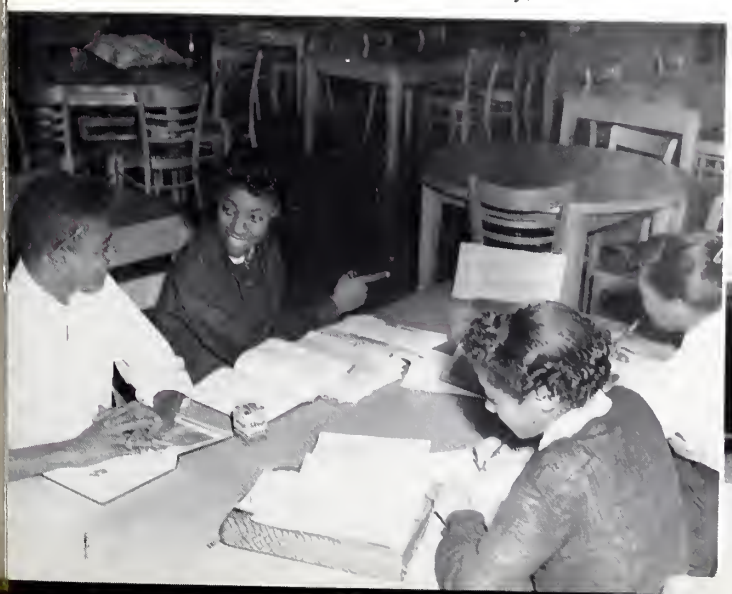
The Door to Learning

Going in to learn

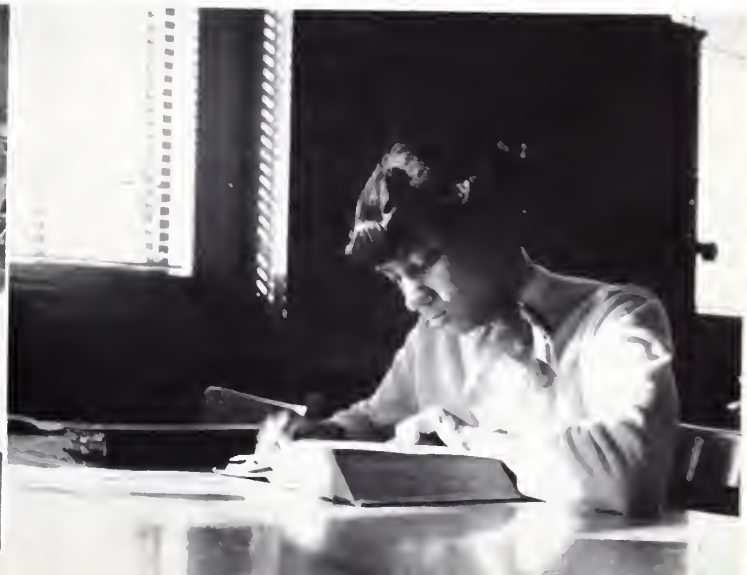
Check your books out here . . . J. G. Towery, Librarian, at your service

Let's see what's news in the magazine—Ruby Thompson

James Watts, Barbara Black, Mae Geyer, Delores Breach
"You must be quiet in the library."

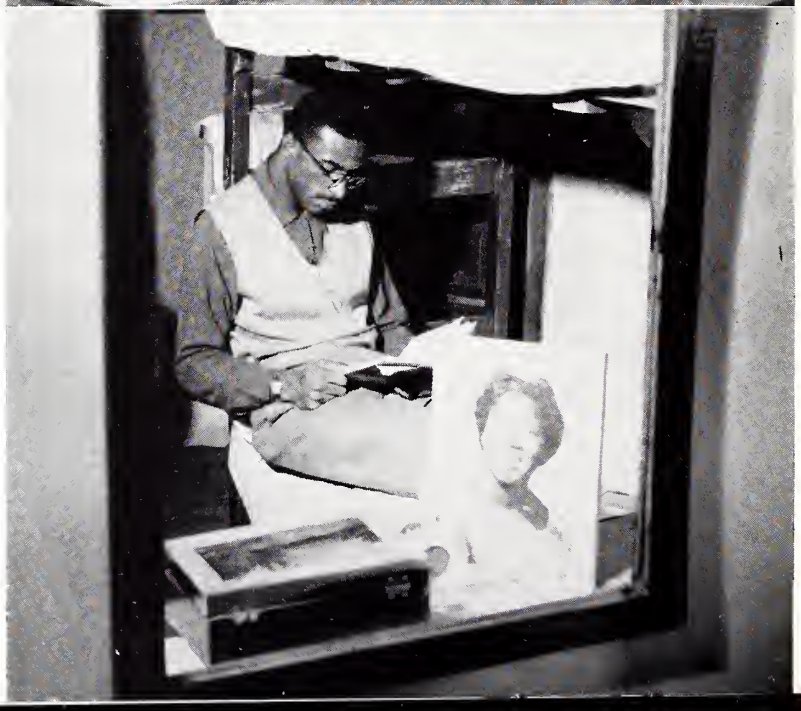


"Study to show thy self approved
—Geneva Mosby in the book

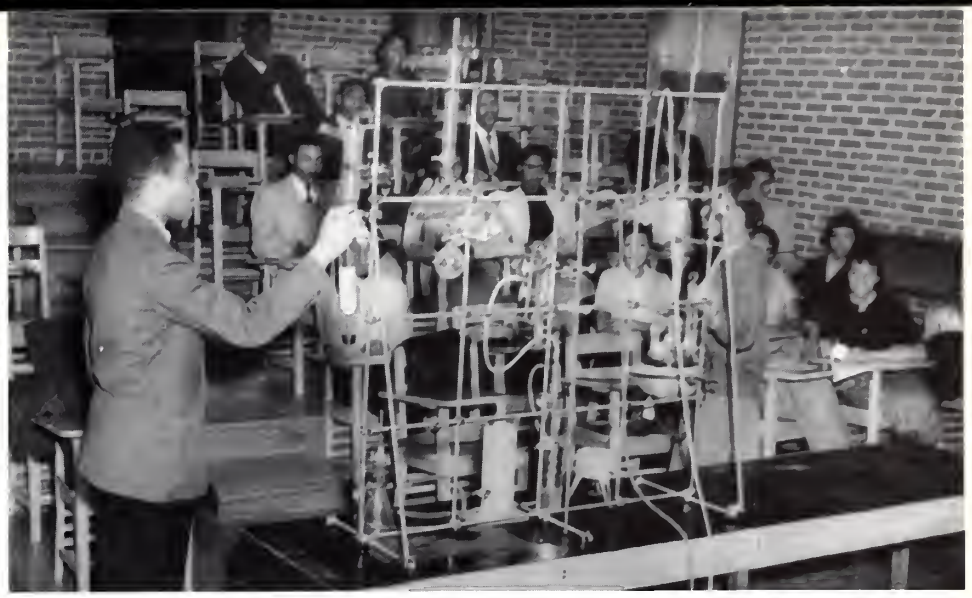


Dorothy Richardson and Dr. Dykes
You see it isn't half so difficult when you study this way.

Louise Parker, Levy Baker, Jean Haley
Business students — They learn by doing.



Warner Rice
Study is serious business



SCIENCE GUILD—For science majors and minors
LOIS YATES, *President*
They keep abreast with what's new in science.

EL KAPPA BLANKA—Pre-Nursing Students Club
IRENE LEE, *President*

Educational Organizations

These organizations keep students interested in their fields of study. They are avenues for growth of new ideas, experimentation, and expression.

MEDICAL CADET CORP
"Sound Off!"

Class President—WILLIAM ERVIN
Valedictorian—ELEANOR THOMPSON

Senior Class

Motto: I can if I will make God's will my will

Aim: To exalt Christ, to emulate Christ, to work for him

Class Colors: Green and Gold

Class Flower: Yellow Rose

First Row:

JESSE REAVES, Major—Religion; Minor—Elementary Education.

ERNEST RUDLEY, Religion; History.

ELEANOR THOMPSON, Secretarial Science; Religion.

Second Row:

LELIA THOMAS, Music; Elementary Education.

JAMES VINES, Religion; History.

Seniors Whose Pictures Do Not Appear

BILLIE LOUISE LEE, Salutatorian; Secretarial Science; Religion, Business Administration.

SENEVA CROSSGROVE, Elementary Education; Biology, English; Religion.

FRANCES DAVIS, Elementary Education; Biology, English; Religion.

MUSETTE REAVES, Elementary Education; English, Religion.

MARY STEPHENS, Secondary Education; Religion.

PEARL HARVEY, Music; Secretarial Science.

MARY GILLARD, Elementary Education; (minors) Biology, English, Religion.

First Row:

JIMMIE BROWN, Major—Religion; Minor—History.

HERBERT DAVIS, Secondary Education; Religion.

WILLIAM ERVIN, Religion; Biology.

ANDERSON FIELDS, Religion; History.

Second Row:

JAMES JACKSON, Religion; Elementary Education.

ALFRED JONES, Religion; History.

EUNICE JONES, Secretarial Science; Biology, Business Administration.

JOYCE McCOLLAY, Secretarial Science; English, Business Administration.

Third Row:

EARL MOORE, Religion; Biology.

ELISE MOORE, Secretarial Science; English, Business Administration.

EYRACINA RAHMING, English; Elementary Education.

BENJAMIN REAVES, Religion; Business Administration.

First Row:
Mary Bracy
Geraldine Cheadle
James Darby
Geraldine Forte
Ralph Franklin

Second Row:
Theodore Jones
James McLean
Nadine McElhaney
Rhina Miller
Maude Morehead

Third Row:
Mildred Moseley
Calvin Robinson
William Scales
Lemuel Sealy
Gaynell Tyler

Fourth Row:
Mervyn Warren
Lois Yates

JUNIORS WHOSE PICTURES DO NOT APPEAR

Alvin Bass
Alice Brantley
Charles Campbell
Hannah Clarke
Helen Edwards
Kathleen Grahm
William Grant
Frances Lawton
Frankie Lawton
Dorothy Marshall
Julia McElhaney
Pauline Osborne (Mrs.)
Joseph Richardson, *Class President*
John Robinson
Samuel Rollins
Robert Sloan
Edythe Sumpter
Kathryn Wilson

Junior Class

Underclassmen

First Row:
Nathaniel Abbey
Ann Armstrong
Joe Avery
Pretha Boyce
Richard Barron
Andrew Beamon

Second Row:
Barbara Black
Gwendolyn Bradley
Cecelia Braswell
Phyllis Bryan
Clifton Buddy
Margaret Burks

Third Row:
Gloria Castleberry
Charles Cheatham
Johnnie Cole
Benjamin Cummings
Alpha Dabney
Erma Davis

Fourth Row:
Geraldine Davis
Jeannette Decou
Jewellene Duckworth
Ella Ehlum
David Edwards
Helen Edwards

Fifth Row:
Rosalie Evans
Corine Gillard
Laurlen Gunther
Violet Hall
Grant Holloway
Carol Howard

First Row:

Clifford Hazell
Doraetta Hayes
Laurence Jacobs
Naomi Jackson
Katrine Johnson
David Jones

Second Row:

Gloria Jones
Letha Jordan
Phillippa Latney
Irene Lee
Kenneth Lester
Sybil Logan

Third Row:

Nola Love
Lavant Maupin
Dorothy McCrae
Betty Miles
Bernice Moore
Carrie Miner

Fourth Row:

Simon Miner
Mildred Moseley
Fred Nealy
Ernestine Owens
Lillian Palmer
James Parker

Fifth Row:

Josephine Phillips
Cleveland Pitters
Genenieve Price
Henry Masters
Jewel Pringle
Alfred Raymond
Pearl Raymond

First Row:
Albert Reid
Allen Reid
Bert Reid
Warner Rice
Elbert Shepperd
Herbert Shorter

Second Row:
Arthur Sims
Eugene Smith
Ruby Smith
Elizabeth Spencer
Catherine Steward
Beverly Stewart

Third Row:
David Taylor
Ruby Thompson
Ellen Turner
Louise Turner
Rosalie Turner
James Walker

Fourth Row:
Walton Whaley
Ella Wiley
Ethel Betty Williams
Robert Williams
Lonnie Winston
Annie Whitaker
Morris Wren

UNDERCLASSMEN WHOSE PICTURES DON'T APPEAR

Frederick Alexander, Lillian Baker, Harold Bowley, Dolores Breach, Emma Breach, Olivia Brummell, Norma Butterfield, Frankie Fordham, Wilson Holland, Roy Holman, Jo Ann Holmes, Jack Langford, Claire Lawrence, Mary Ann Lester, Carole Lightner, Jane Martin, Geneva Mosby, Barbara Murphy, Fannie Peay, Beryl Rivers, Lula Roberts, Agnes Russell, Robert Stidham, Joan Walker, Raymond Washington, Rhenee Washington, Cordelia Weathington, Dennis Whaley, Beverly White, Wm. Alleyne, Levy Baker, Helen Belt, Anne Benford, Nelson Broadnax, Howard Coes, Leonard Cummings, Norma Ferguson, Mae Geyer, Walter Grant, Jean Haley, Charles Joseph, Martharine Kamara, Virginia Martin, Ester Meadows, Sylvanus Merchant, Lloyd Rahming, Calvin Robinson, Kenneth Smith, Rosemary Spears, Lorraine Thomas, James Tillman, Johnnie Ward, Ethel Williams.

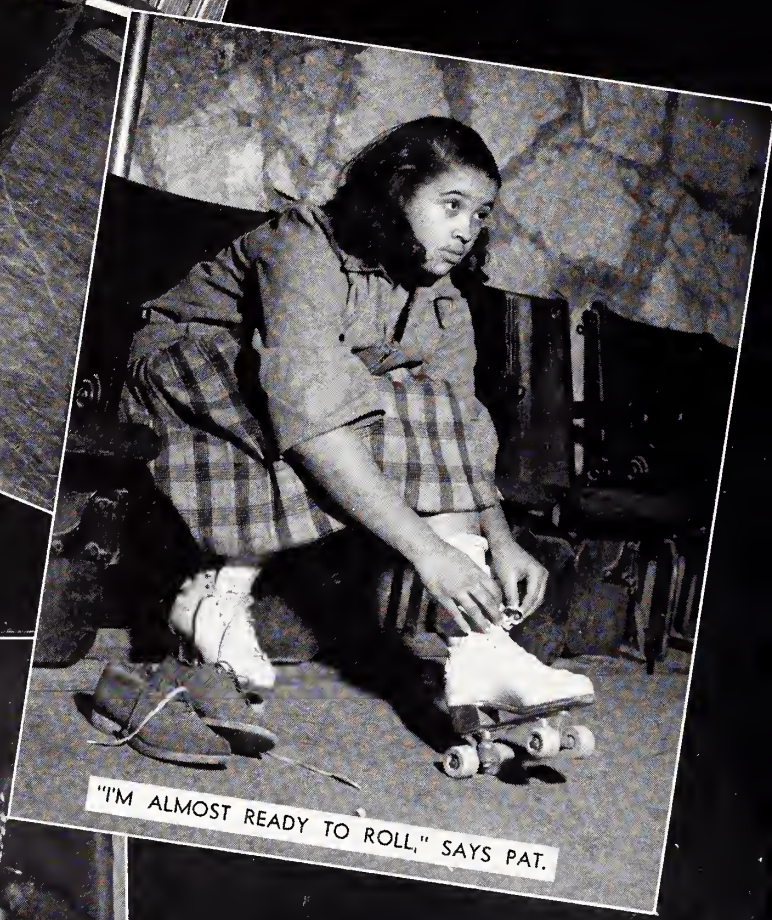
It's a rejuvenating pleasure for Oakwoodites to come apart from the routine duties of college life to re-create a while. Keeping in tune with the God-given definition of a true education, here we endeavor to utilize recreation with proper emphasis. Yea, for us vigorous Christian diversion is a "joy forever," in the play room, on the field, in the recreation hall, around the campus.

The Door to Enjoyment

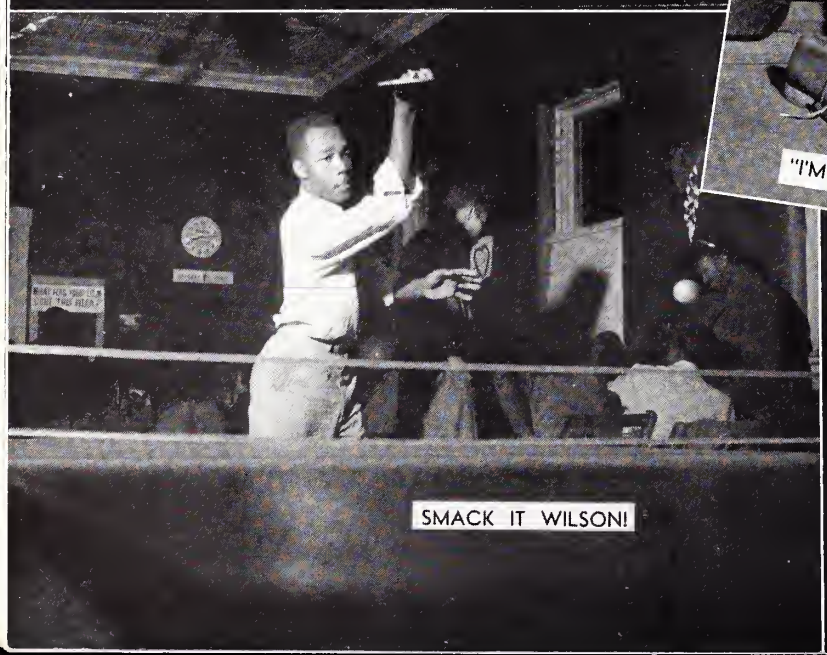
my but this is fun!

JEAN HALEY SPILLS THE STICKS

RING IT JOYCE!



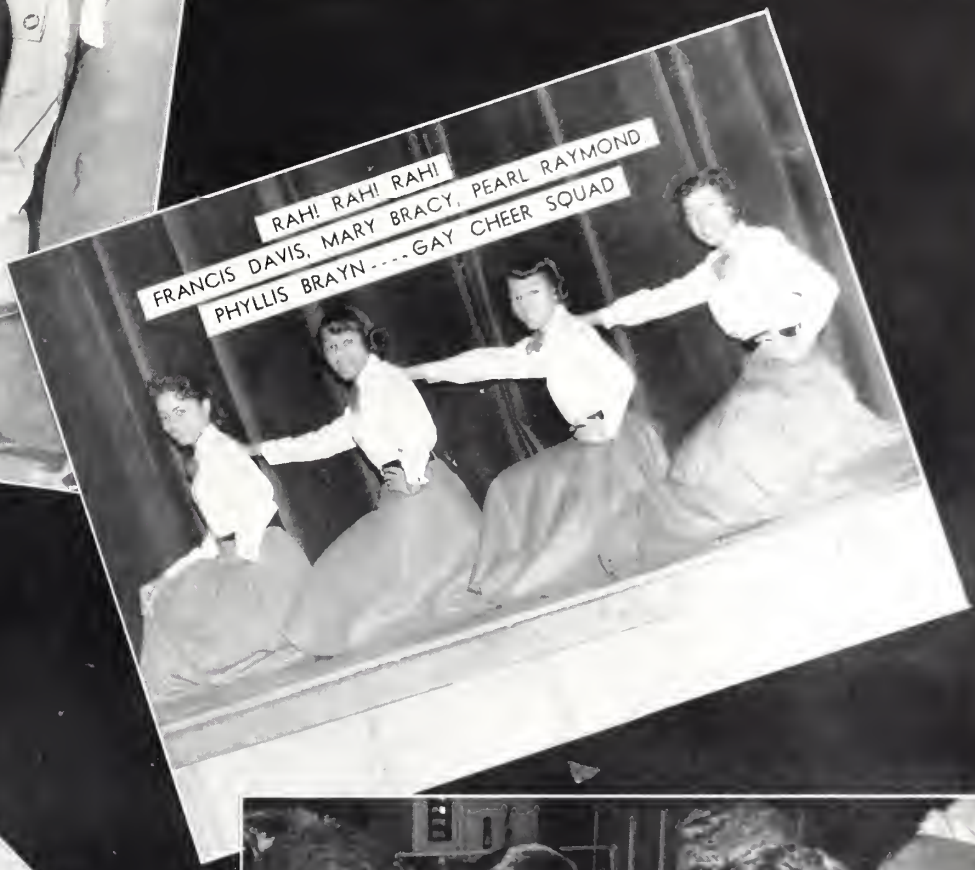
"I'M ALMOST READY TO ROLL," SAYS PAT.



SMACK IT WILSON!

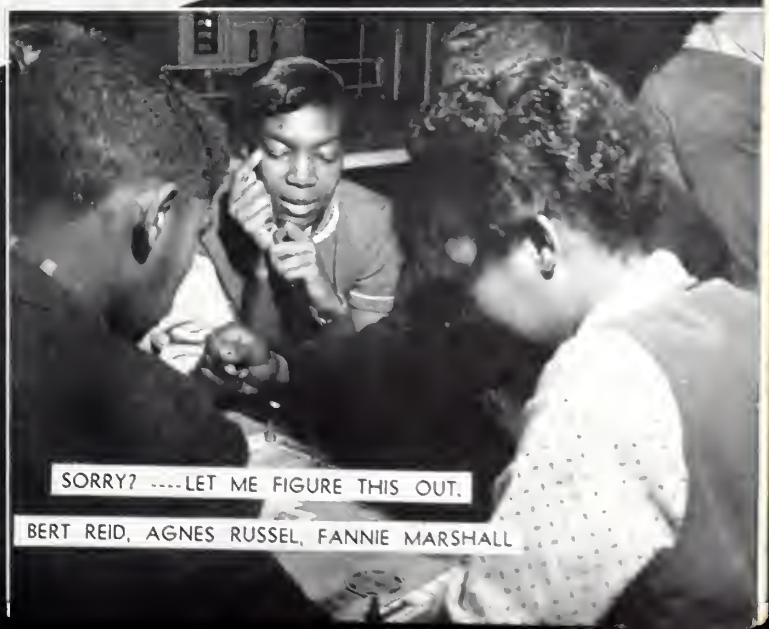
WHOSE WINNING?

TED JONES AT HIS PUPPETS.



RAH! RAH! RAH!
FRANCIS DAVIS, MARY BRACY, PEARL RAYMOND
PHYLLIS BRAYN----GAY CHEER SQUAD

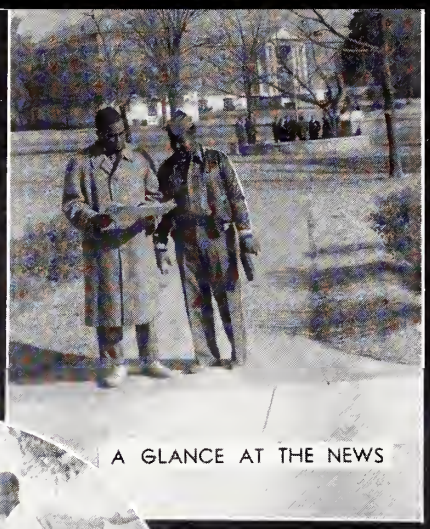
enjoy yourself



SORRY? ----LET ME FIGURE THIS OUT.

BERT REID, AGNES RUSSEL, FANNIE MARSHALL

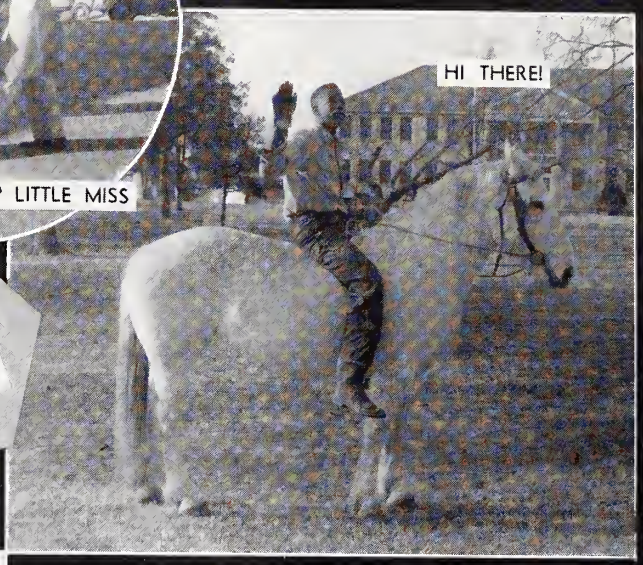
WHAT A PERCH!



A GLANCE AT THE NEWS

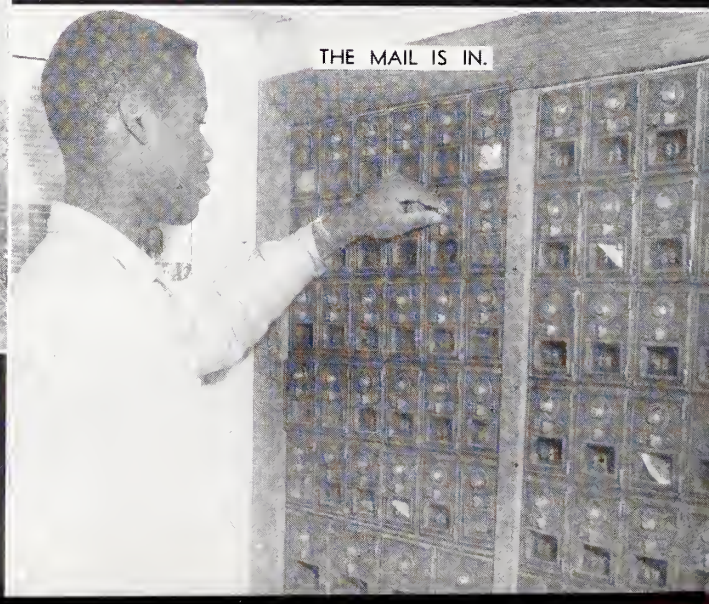
WATCH YOUR STEP LITTLE MISS

moving around...



HI THERE!

WHAT GOES ON HERE!



THE MAIL IS IN.

MAY I HELP YOU, PLEASE?

WE'RE LEAVING NOW

On the campus

I WONDER . . .

DO TELL!

"I LIKE IT HERE."

THE GANG'S ALL HERE

CUNNINGHAM HALL, COLLEGE WOMEN'S HOME

RUTH E. MOSBY, DEAN OF WOMEN

COULD IT BE THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH? RHINA MILLER TAKES A SIP.

OFFICERS OF VINCET QUA SE VINCET—COLLEGE WOMEN'S RESIDENCE HALL CLUB

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RELAXING IN THE CUNNINGHAM LOBBY

HANNAH CLARKE AND GERRY DAVIS, MAKE THEM-SELVES AT HOME

MARGRET BURKE AND NOLA LOVE IN THE QUIET RECLUSION OF AGGEI'S ROOM.

DEAN R. L. WOODFORK GIVES COUNSEL

"SHOE SHINE BOYS"

EXCELSIOR SOCIETY
RESIDENCE HALL CLUB OFFICERS

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SHEP IS "IN THE BOOK"

TED JONES SPINS A RECORD

OUT FOR A LOVELY EVENING

THE CORSAGE FOR M'LADY

Our social life

THE RECEPTION AFTER THE CONCERT

"HERO MINE . . . ."

PARTY TIME

IN A DRAMATIC MOMENT

LLOYD LA VAUX POET OF THE ACCORDIAN

ANN BATTLE IN ORGAN RECITAL

our guest Performers

A. & M. SOLOIST THRILLS THE AUDIENCE

BERNARD EDWARDS AT THE PIANO

WE ENTERTAIN OUR GUESTS

Our friendly Guests

HELEN GEORGE, AN ALUMNA, VISITS

CHAPLAIN BRADFORD OF A. & M. COLLEGE EXCHANGES FRIENDLY GREETINGS

PRESIDENT MILLET AND WIFE CHAT WITH VISITORS

OFFICERS OF THE UNITED STUDENT MOVEMENT

Left to right: Grant Holloway, treasurer; Ralph Franklin, Religious Vice-president; Herbert Shorter, Acorn Editor; Billie Louise Lee, assistant secretary; James McLean, Social Vice-president; Herbert Davis, President; Richard Baron, Sargeant at arms; President G. J. Millet, Sponsor Lamuel Sealy, Parliamentarian; Norma Ferguson, Secretary; Levy Baker, Assistant Treasurer.

Our Active Movement

HERBERT DAVIS, *President of U. S. M.*

The Spreading Oak, the school paper (The official organ of the United Student Movement). OFFICERS, left to right: Pearl Raymond, typist; Naomi Sumpter, Associate editor; Eunice Jones, Alumni editor; Frankie Fordham, typist; Mr. M. W. Martin, literary advisor; Elise Moore, Copy editor; Ben Reaves, editor; Phyllis Bryan, typist; Burt Reid, circulation manager, typist; Geneva Mosby, Assistant circulation manager, Erycina Rahming, typist.

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The Spreading Oak Staff

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HERBERT SHORTER, *Editor*

The Acorn Staff

Musically

THE CHORDETTES
Barbara Murphy, Ruby Smith,
Pearl Harvey

THE COLLEGIATES
QUARTETTE DOES *RIGOLETTE*
Elbert Shepperd, Benjamin Reaves,
William Scales, James Edgecombe

THE LYRIC SOPRANO
HITS HIGH *C*
Hannah Clarke

The Vibratone Ensemble

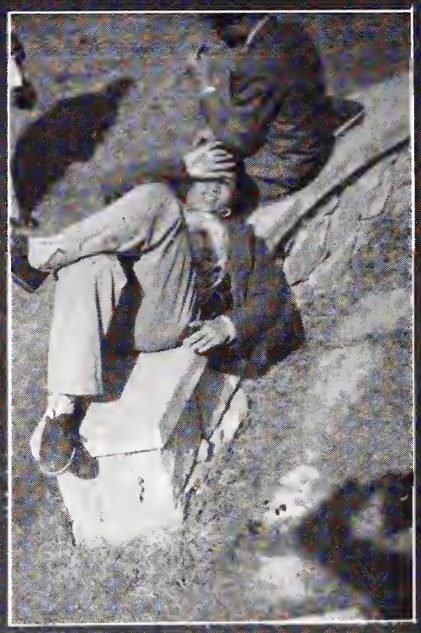
THE VIBRATONE ENSEMBLE
Cornelius Thomas, David Taylor, William Alleyne, Roy Holman, Fredrick Alexander, Alpha Dabney, Bert Read, Walton Whaley, Allen Reid, James Walker, Herbert Shorter, (not pictured), Hannah Clarke, Dennis Whaley and Jack Langford.

The Vibratones Ensemble, one of Oakwood's many musical groups, is composed of a resonant blend of fourteen male voices and one vibrant voice of the fair sex. The Vibratones enjoyed harmonizing and traveling.

They made two tours, one of the south eastern states, and the other northeast and appeared on radio and television. Their singing was acclaimed to be a blessing and an inspiration to those who listened.

TOUR I	TOUR II
Augusta, Georgia	Gary, Ind.
Columbia, South Carolina	Chicago, Ill.
Charlotte, N. C.	Detroit, Mich.
Winston Salem, N. C.	Dayton, Ohio
Greensboro, N. C.	Akron, Ohio
Raleigh, N. C.	Cleveland, Ohio
Charleston, S. C.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Columbus, Ga.	Camden, New Jersey
Savannah, Ga.	Newark, New Jersey
Macon, Ga.	New York, N. Y.
Montgomery, Ala.	Baltimore, Maryland
Birmingham, Ala.	Washington, D. C.
	Knoxville, Tenn.

Top to bottom: The Vibratones, directed by Herbert R. Shorter; The Vibratones on T.V.; The dinner date; They broadcast for N.B.C.; A chat about the broadcast with the announcer of W.R.A.L. of Raleigh.



just as

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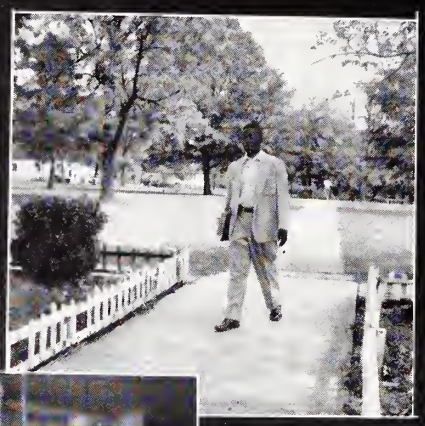

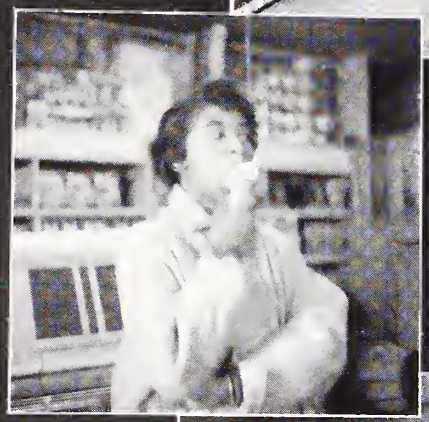

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men's new Dorm goes up

NEARING THE TOP

STARTING FROM SCRATCH

THE WALLS GO UP

LAYING THE FOUNDATION

IT'S TAKING SHAPE

"He who . . . labours lifts his heart to God with his hands."—St. Bernard

One of the spokes which stems from the hub of Oakwood's educational program is beneficial labor. Given to us, the students of O.C., are cherished chances of findings occupation in Oakwood's offices, residence halls, maintenance and culivary departments, dairy, farm, print shop, broom factory, and laundry; labor is presented to each student as a blessing to employ his mind, to make strong his body, and to unfold his faculties.

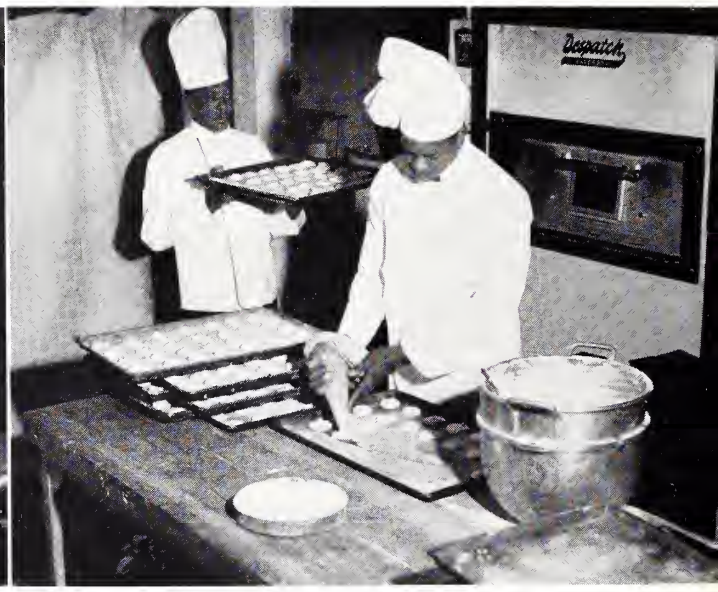
Here we are afforded opportunities to increase our finance, improve our finesse, and instill within us that which will indoctrinate our characters with heaven's pleasure . . . glorious toil!

The Door to Industry

FESTUS H. VALENTINE
Manager of College Store

Our Industrial Departments at Work

SARAH RICHARDSON
Director of College Cafeteria



VIOLIN PLUMMER and PRESTON CALHOUN
College Bakery

Oakwood's industries and various departments offer employment and opportunity to many students to earn funds for their education and skill in labor.

EDITH JONES
Assistant Director

LAURENCE JACOBS
Farm Manager

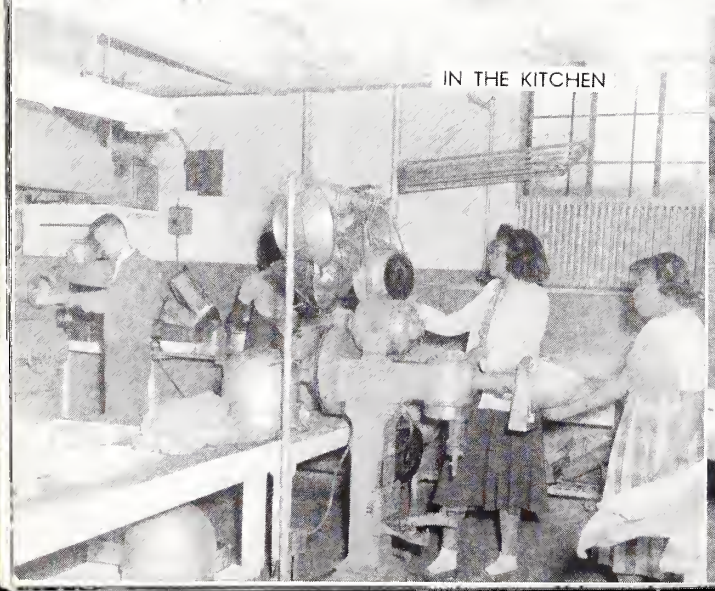
GEORGE HARRIS
Superintendent of Grounds

busy hands at work

AT THE DAIRY

IN THE STORE

IN THE OFFICE



IN THE KITCHEN

IN THE BROOM FACTORY

ON THE FARM

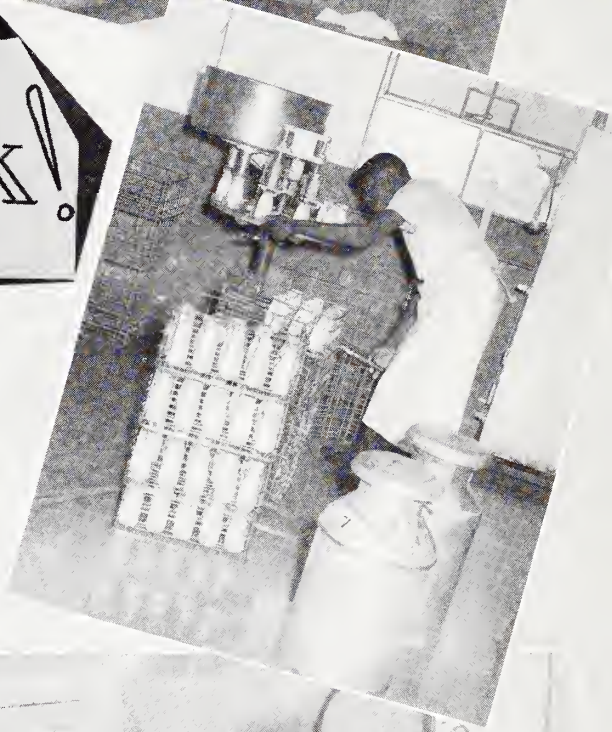
BROOM-MAKING

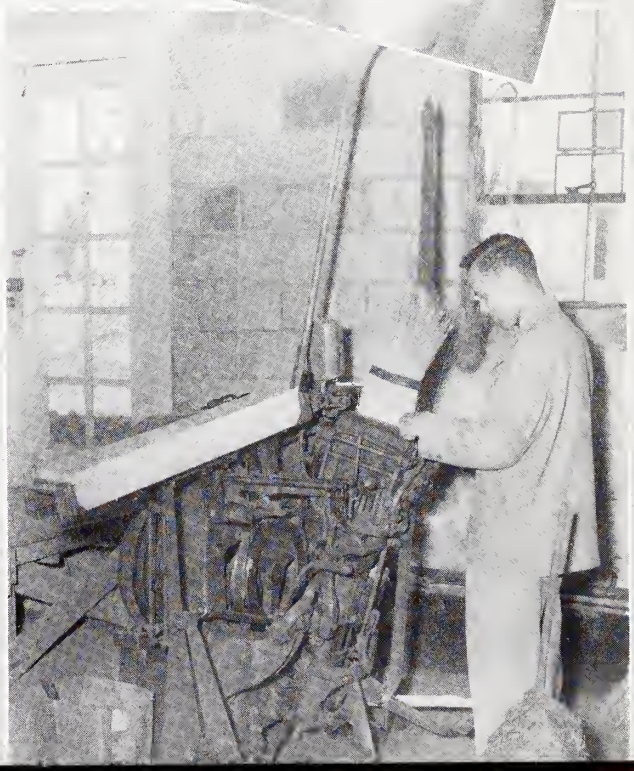
MAINTENANCE

IN THE LAUNDRY

"GOD GIVES ALL THINGS TO INDUSTRY."

Work!





You have just peeped through Oakwood's doors of Instruction, Devotion, Learning, Enjoyment, and Work; to us it was a thrill to pass through the moments of devotion, wade through pools of knowledge, cross plains of enjoyment, climb mountains of industry. To us this is Oakwood—spirited, colorful, and just the place!

Oakwood Academy

JOSEPH T. STAFFORD
Principal of Oakwood Academy

Greetings From Our Principal

Through the years it has been the constant aim of the Oakwood College Academy Administration to foster an educational program that is calculated and designed to meet the needs of its students in a changing civilization. This program of essential education for youth embraces "physical, mental, and moral training in order that all the powers shall be fitted for the best development, to do service for God, and to work for the uplifting of humanity." May this continuous development be the experience of the Academy graduates of 1955, and of those who shall become affiliated with the Oakwood College Academy family.

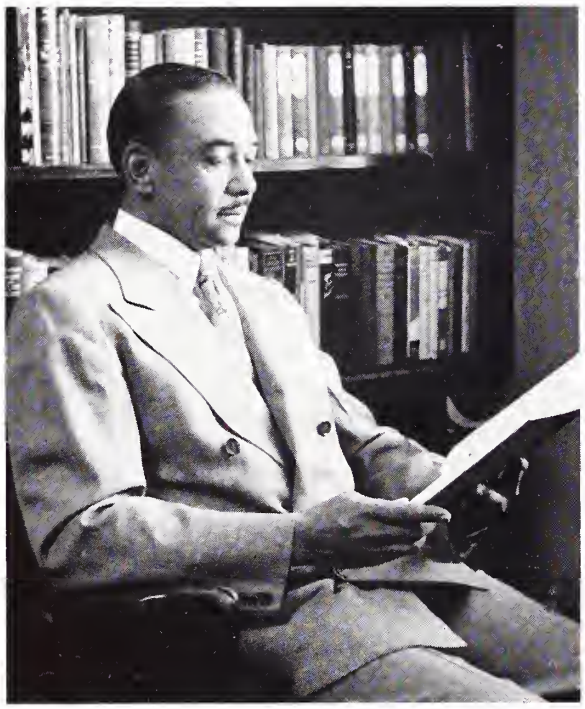
> "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." Jno. 17:3

J. T. Stafford

ROTHAKER C. SMITH
Instructor of Science and Agriculture

TRULA E. WADE
Dean of Academy Girls

Faculty



JOHN J. BEALE
Instructor in Bible and History

MARCHETA D. VALENTINE
Instructor in Home Economics and Spanish
(not pictured)

FLORENCE WINSLOW
Instructor of English

and Students

Jacquelyn Baker

Lorraine Battle

Barbara Caldwell

Cynthia Dent

Beverly Humphrey

Martha Louis

Patricia Murrell

Freshmen

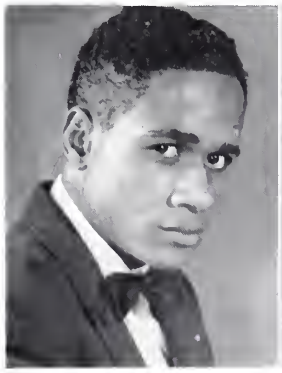
Not Pictured

Norma Dennis
Mervetta Lister
Earl Jones
Albert Johnson

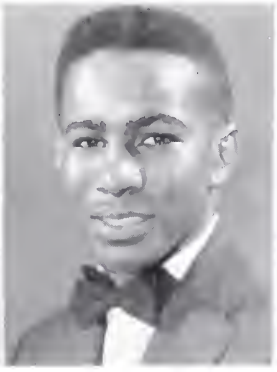
Sophomores

Not Pictured

Chester Harris
Mary McMichens
Marion Martin



William Barlow



Henry Brewer

Alice Dunatt

Juniors

First Row:
Maggie Baird
Donald Baker
Willie Dean Battle
Kenneth Brantley
Emmanuel Clay

Second Row:
Pearl Cody
Elizabeth Cook
Doris Daniels
Nancy Griggs
Luvell Holmes

Third Row:
Eva Jenkins
Robert Knight
Rachel Logan
Claude McKnight
Shirley Murrell

Fourth Row:
June Patterson
Irvin Phillips
Mildred Taylor
Chester Simms
James Watts

JUNIORS NOT PICTURED

Charles Herring
Pauline Pearson
Bennie Woods
Willie Ann Young

Robert Knight
Class President

Seniors

MOTTO: Conquering & Still to Conquer
AIM: To Press on to Greater Achievements
CLASS COLORS: Blue and Gold
CLASS FLOWER: Yellow Rose

Not Pictured

Dorothy Bailey
Frances Bowens
Edwards Daniel
June Hicks
Marion Jackson
Jalene McGee
Dorothy Mabry
Dorothy Richardson
Dorothy Robinson
Geralean Scott

Lois McDonald—*Valedictorian*

Otis Goldsmith—*Class President*

First Row:
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Reuben Cartwright
Melvin Collier
Otis Goldsmith

Second Row:
Joyce Golson
Fern Green
James Joseph
Hattie Kirk

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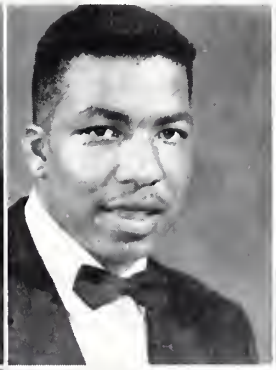
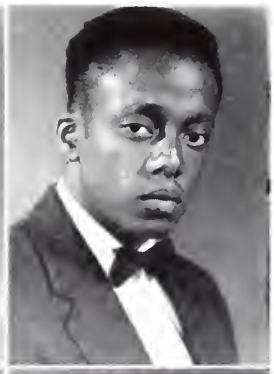
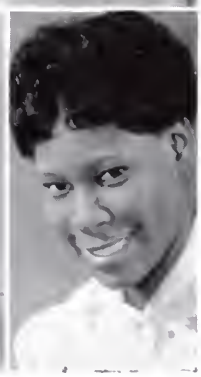
Salutatorian
Cornelius Thomas
Idella Williams







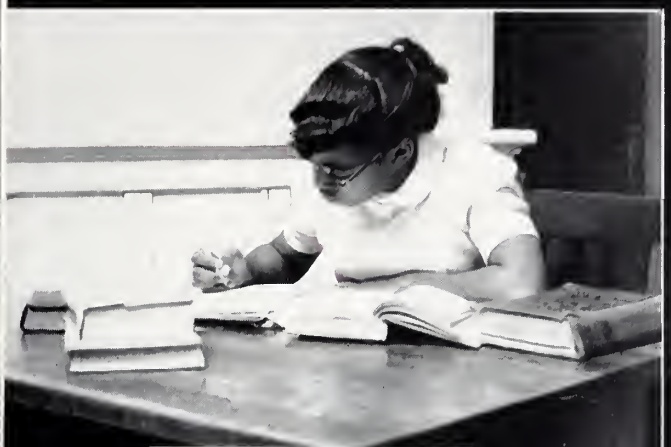
here we enjoy...

THEY STUDY TOGETHER

THE MORE WE GET TOGETHER...

"I THOUGHT I'D DROP A LINE"

"THE MORE THE MERRIER"



IRETHA MORGAN AT THE DESK

ASSEMBLED FOR DAILY DEVOTION

THE STUDENTS ENJOY THE PLEASANT ASSOCIATION IN THEIR SCHOOL HOMES. THEY MEET FRIENDS, LEARN TO BE COOPERATIVE AND LIVE AND PLAY AND WORK TOGETHER.

...Our school homes

SHE GROOMS FOR THE DAY

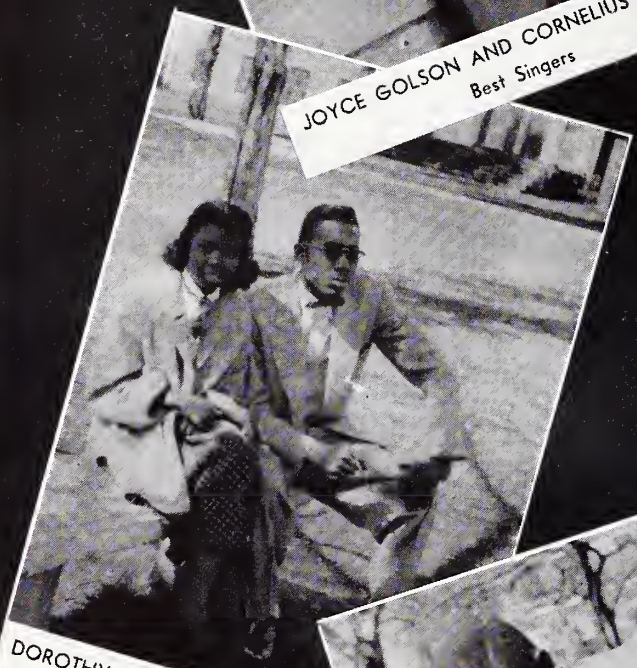
CHATTING AROUND HENDERSON HALL

JOYCE GOLSON AND CORNELIUS THOMAS
Best Singers

KING AND QUEEN, BOBBY KNIGHT AND RACHEL LOGAN

Attendants: left—James Watts and June Patterson right—June Hicks and Melvin Seare

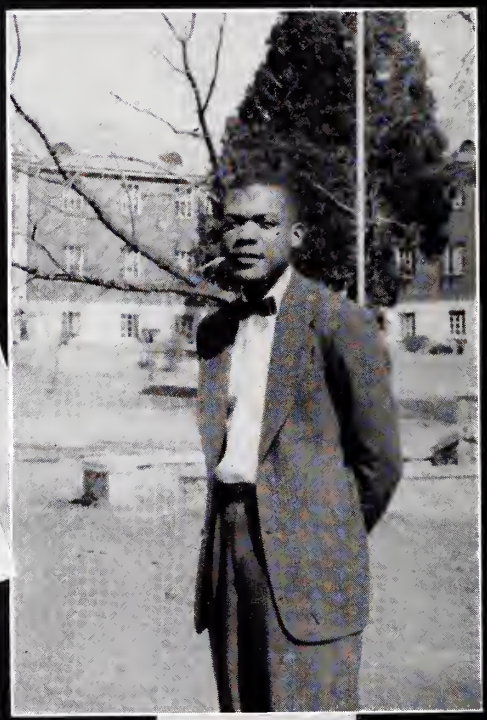
and here's



DOROTHY BAILEY AND JOHN BRADSHAW
Best Speaking Voices

NORMA DENNIS AND IRVIN PHILLIPS
Most Pious

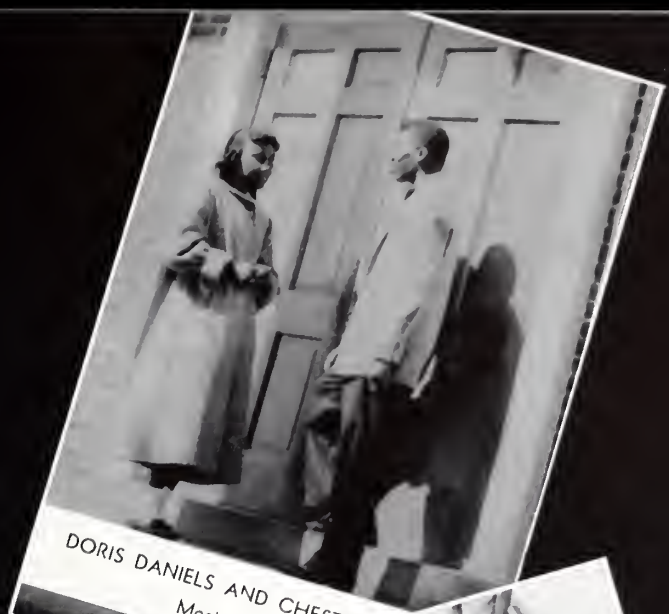
BARBARA MOSELEY
Enthusiasm and Leadership



EDWARD DANIELS
Best Instrumentalist

Who's Who

PATRICIA OLIVER
Most Studious



DORIS DANIELS AND CHESTER SIMMS
Most Reserved

SHIRLEY MURRELL AND DONALD BAKER
Best Skaters

MAGGIE BAIRD AND OTIS GOLDSMITH
Best Dressed

JOHN BRADSHAW
Our Photographer

OLNWOLE ADEKAMBI
Son of Nigeria
(Special Student)

We Had Quite a Student Association in '55

OFFICERS OF THE ACADEMY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

First Row left to right: Shirley Murrell, Joyce Golson, Melvin Collier, Willie Ann Young, Iretha Morgan.

Second Row: Louvelle Holmes, James Joseph, Miss Marcheta Valentine (sponsor), Otis Goldsmith (president), Idella Williams.

ACORN STAFF OF ACADEMY

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SPREADING OAK STAFF OF ACADEMY

Dorothy Robinson, Fern Green, Claude McKnight, Hattie Kirk—Editor-in-Chief (not pictured)

MADRIGALIANS, ACADEMY CHOIR
J. Mae Pierre-Louis, *director*

and Very Active Organizations

BYKOTA CLUB OFFICERS
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THE ACADEMY QUARTETTE
Cornelius Thomas, Otis Goldsmith, Reuben Cartwright, John Bradshaw

Yes, a Friendly, Happy

He operates the press

Our Work . . .

We Study Together

Our Study . . .

A Few Quiet Moments

Our Leisure . . .

We chat on the campus

Academy in . . .

We like to skate

Don't bite my finger!

Our Play . . .

The friendly circle around the bell

ACADEMY STUDENT ROSTER

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BAKER, Donald; 1964 Missouri Terrace, Gary, Indiana
BAKER, Jacqueline; 1964 Missouri Terrace, Gary, Indiana
BARNETTE, Alberta; 719 "W" Street, Atchinson, Kansas
BATTLE, Willie Dean; 1914 Waytt Street, Charlotte, North Carolina
BATTLE, Lorene D.; 1914 Waytt Street, Charlotte, North Carolina
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DANIEL, Edward C.; "212 Trins" Bernhard St., San Nicholas, Aruba
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AVERY, Joe; 1929 Montgall, Kansas City, Missouri

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BAKER, Lillian; 103 Jordan Street, Abbeville, Alabama
BARRON, Richard; 288 S. Clinton Street, East Orange, New Jersey
BASS, Alvin; 731 26th Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee
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BELT, Helen; 109 G. Warren Wms. Apts., Columbus, Georgia
BENFORD, Billie Anne; 710 East Park Avenue, Enid, Oklahoma
BLACK, Barbara; 221 Durham Street, Greensboro, North Carolina
BOWLEY, Herald; 209 Jefferson Street, Staten Island 6, New York
BOYCE, Pretha; Passage Road, St. Wichael 9, Barbadoes, BRITISH WEST INDIES
BRACY, Mary; 1334 Adams Street, Mobile, Alabama
BRADLEY, Gwyndolyn; Rt. 1, Box 36, Calhoun, Alabama
BRANTLEY, Alice (Mrs.)
BRASWELL, Cacelia; Rt. 1, Box 162, Daytona Beach, Florida
BREACH, Dolores; 8 "F" Street, Charleston, South Carolina
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BROADNAX, Nelson, 108 Bacote Street, Darlington, South Carolina
BROWN, Jimmie; 715 Orange, Jacksonville, Florida
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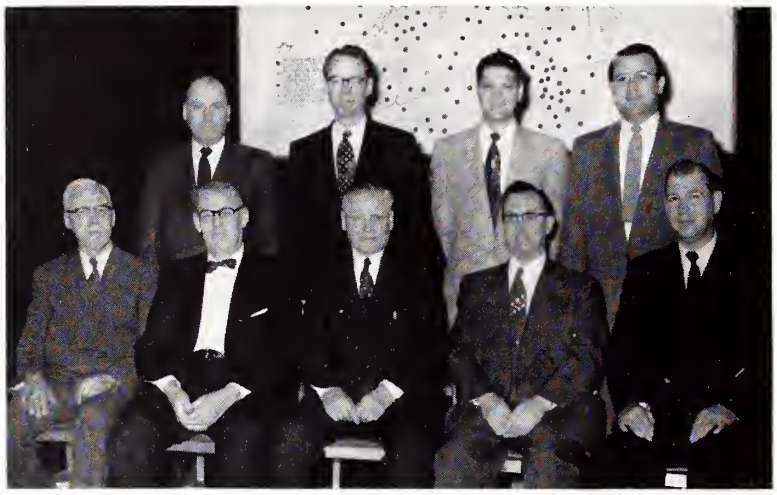

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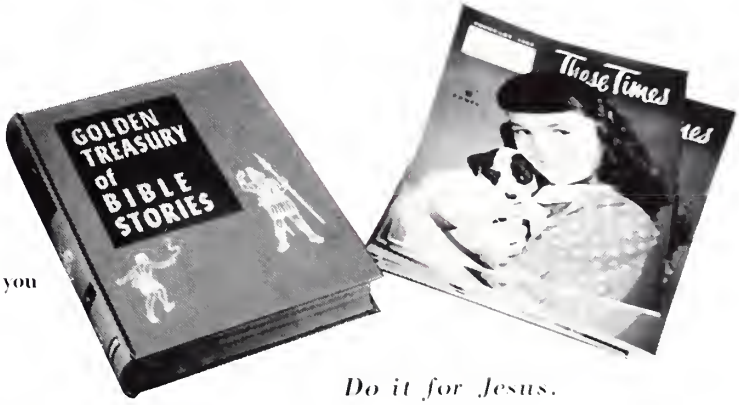

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